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2. The "law of free trade", introduced on 3 January 1953, has had serious effects. Since the last official increase of wages and salaries, as well as the official rise in prices, the purchasing power of the average official has fallen 35%-40%, and that of the average worker about 30%, when compared with their purchasing power in 1949. Some economists in Poland consider that this law has been unnecessarily delayed for at least three months and it will not solve the grave problem of food and industrial shortages. In some top communist circles it is said that Hilary Minc asked for the introduction of this law in the fall of 1952 but was opposed. If the law had been introduced then, the food shortage, which may become still worse in the spring, might have been avoided.

3. Due to the anti-Semitic trend behind the Iron Curtain, the Jews in Poland are generally disturbed but they have tried to understand the need to separate the true Communists from the Zionists and the use of this distinction for Moscow foreign policy. Jews who are Communists rather than Zionists will probably be protected and punishment for anti-Semitic outrages will be more severe.

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